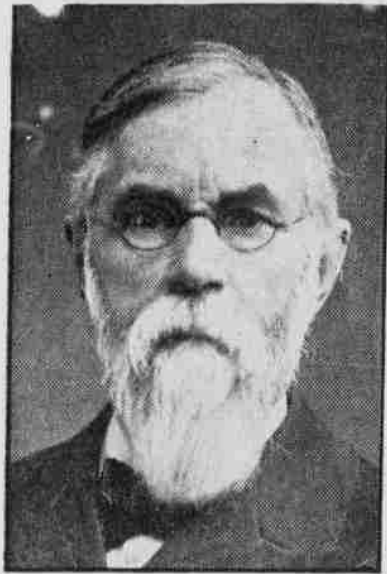


## RECENT DEATHS.

## Webber.

Rev. Dr. George N. Webber of Northampton, Mass., died at the home of his youngest daughter in Springfield, Mass., Friday, aged 81 years. He was a native of Pomfret, Conn., was graduated from Amherst College in the class of '52 and from Andover Theological Seminary two years later. He taught in Amherst one year and then came to St. Johnsbury as pastor of the South church. In May, 1858, he married his first wife, who was Miss Charlotte Fairbanks, daughter of Sir Thaddeus Fairbanks. In November, 1859, Mr. Webber was called to the North church of Hartford, Conn., now called the Park church, and he remained there until June 1862, when he enlisted as chaplain of the 1st Connecticut regiment with which he served three months. He was succeeded in the Hartford church by Dr. Horace Bushnell. His next pastorate was over the First Congregational church of Lowell where he was situated when in 1867 he was elected to the chair of moral and mental science in Middlebury college.



Dr. Webber served Middlebury College until 1874, when he was called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of Troy, N. Y., and it was there that he was in the prime of his physical and mental powers. He became widely known in Troy and that part of New York state as an able preacher and vital force. It was while he was professor at Middlebury that he was given the degree of doctor of divinity by Amherst. His second wife was Caroline K. Ladd, daughter of Rev. Daniel Ladd of Middlebury, and they were married in 1871. It was in the early days of Smith College that Dr. Webber was called there as lecturer on mental philosophy and ethics and he continued this connection until the early '90s and is well known to all of the older alumni of the college.

Dr. Webber leaves four children: Annie, wife of Walter Maxwell of Australia; Lucy, wife of William Northrup Macmillan of London; Frederick of St. Louis; and Mrs. Clinton E. Bell of Springfield. Since retiring from Smith College about 15 years ago he has made his home in Northampton where he was widely known.

Dr. Webber was well remembered by many in this town as a vigorous and scholarly preacher, a gentleman of wide culture and a deep thinker.

## Donaghy.

The community were sorry to learn of the death of Robert Donaghy, which occurred at Brightlook Hospital Wednesday morning, resulting from an operation. Mr. Donaghy was born in Halifax, P. Q., June 15, 1845. In Oct. 1866 he married Miss Maria Fay of Leeds, P. Q. Four children were born to them Emma, who died in 1891, Mrs. Lizzie Roberts and Mrs. Rueben Sherman of this place, and Miss May, who lives in New York. Mrs. Donaghy died about 10 years ago. Besides his immediate family he leaves four grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Malcolm McLeod of this place and Mrs. Jane Nugent of Boston, one brother, Henry Donaghy of this place.

Mr. Donaghy was employed in moving furniture, and was a faithful, hard-working man, conscientious and true to his task. The funeral was held at his late home Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. A. F. Welch, and music was furnished by the male quartet of the Methodist church. The flowers were many and beautiful, including a wreath, pillow and a cross from the hackmen and his associates.

Miss May Donaghy of New York was here to attend the funeral.

## Kershaw.

James Kershaw died on Dec. 10 after a three weeks' illness of typhoid fever, aged 28 years. Mr. Kershaw came here

about three years ago from Massachusetts, and was chef and meat cook at the Avenue House for a while. Later he went into the night lunch business, where he made many friends by his genial manner and strict attention to business. He leaves a wife and many friends to mourn his loss. The interment was at Fall River.

## ST. JOHNSBURY CENTER.

Alton Hallett has gone to Jay, where he has a position.

Mrs. Gardner Menut of St. Johnsbury has been the guest of Mrs. Lewis Menut for a few days.

Miss Gertrude Franklin has been visiting her sister, Miss Grace Franklin, at St. Johnsbury.

Mrs. John Finn, Mrs. Harry Waite and Miss Grace Winters were guests of Mrs. Johnson, Thursday.

Rev. Mr. Anderson preached his farewell sermon, Sunday. He has given up his pastoral work for a while and will work at his trade at St. Johnsbury. Rev. Mr. Gregory of Lyndon will supply the vacancy until the 1st of April. The people are very sorry to have Mr. Anderson give up the work, but are very glad that he is to continue to reside here.

A union Christmas concert was given at the Methodist church Sunday evening, which was very interesting.

At the meeting of the L. O. T. M. the following officers were chosen: Past commander, Mrs. Sadie A. Sargent; commander, Mrs. Colie M. Waite; lieutenant, Mrs. Charlie Whitney; record keeper, Lena E. Johnson; chaplain, Mrs. Ella Kidney; finance keeper, Lena E. Johnson; sergeant, Mrs. Lula M. Prescott; mistress-at-arms, Bessie Wheeler; sentinel, Grace R. Winters; picket, Henrietta Thomas.

Rev. and Mrs. Gregory of Lyndon were guests of his son, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McLaughlin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. William McLaughlin.

Miss Blanche Rexford is spending the holidays with her parents at Island Pond. She has kept a very good school here, and on Friday the school closed with Christmas exercises and a tree, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thirty-six Grangers from this place attended Shepherd Pomona Grange at Lyndon, Wednesday evening. The following officers were chosen for the coming year: Master, Bert A. Farnham; overseer, W. C. Way, Lyndon; steward, Fred Hill; lecturer, Mrs. Frank Trefren, Lyndon; assistant steward, Andrew Campbell; chaplain, Mrs. Ina Farnham; treasurer, N. H. Page; secretary, Harry Hovey; gate keeper, Walter Hall; Pomona, Abbie Farnham; Flora, Mrs. Vance, North Danville; Ceres, Mrs. Ella Kidney; lady assistant steward, Helen Brewer.

The following Sunday school officers were elected at the Methodist church: Superintendent, Mrs. Herbert Lougee; assistant superintendent, Rev. Mr. Anderson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. M. R. Dickinson.

The many friends of Miss Mabel Greenwood will be glad to learn that she is gaining slowly and was able to ride out last week. Mrs. Henry Phelps is also on the gain.

The following officers were elected at Wide Awake Grange December 14th: Master, Ezra Learned; overseer, Sam Piper; lecturer, Loren Miner; steward, Andrew Campbell; assistant steward, Leo Eastman; chaplain, Mrs. M. D. Park; treasurer, Sidney Learned; gate keeper, Harley Brown; Pomona, Edna Brown; Flora, Bertha Salmon; Ceres, Gladys Hallow; lady assistant, Gertrude Franklin.

Lester Berry, who has been in the lumber business at White River Junction, has gone to Banner Springs, Tenn., to continue in the same business with two other young gentlemen. Mr. Berry is a graduate of the St. Johnsbury Academy and Dartmouth college and is well qualified for the position. His many friends here wish him great success in his new position.

## EAST ST. JOHNSBURY.

Irving Locke was the victim of a painful accident last Thursday while working in Fairbanks' shops. A heavy weight fell on his foot, inflicting a wound which will give him an enforced vacation of several weeks.

Among the people who have come home for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Knapp of Boston, Misses Abbie and Annie Smith of Morristown, N. J., and Miss Carrie Griswold of Montpelier.

Mrs. M. J. Hovey underwent an operation for appendicitis last week at St. Margaret's Hospital, Boston. She is doing well and her many friends hope for a speedy recovery. Mr. Hovey returned from Boston, Saturday.

W. S. Russell is keeping books and surveying lumber at the new saw mill at Works' bridge.

## North Church Men's Club.

About 50 members of the North church Men's Club were present Friday evening to hear Col. C. S. Emery of Newport, who spoke upon the United States customs service. Previous to the address Dr. James L. Miner gave two solos which received deserved applause. Col. Emery gave a most interesting and instructive address and the audience were much surprised to learn that his district receives more loaded cars than any other district in the United States and also has nearly 1000 foreign vessels to examine annually on Lake Memphis. At the close of his address he answered several questions upon the details of the service and the inspection of immigrants, after which coffee and doughnuts were served.

## Village Finances.

Our citizens will be interested in the following figures from the forthcoming report which shows how closely our village trustees have kept within the specific appropriations for the current year. The municipal water plant shows a balance on the right side after charging up the cost of 91 hydrants at the same price the village pays the St. Johnsbury Aqueduct Company for hydrants. The figures here follow:

APPROPRIATIONS	DISBURSEMENTS
Highway, \$ 3000.00	\$ 2822.26
Macadam, 3500.00	3367.71
Street Lighting, 5200.00	4999.88
Fire Dept., 4000.00	4577.28
Water Works, 3500.00	2154.62
General, 3500.00	2803.30
Police, 2000.00	2532.67
1508.01	1508.01
Park, 300.00	292.03
Hydrants, 910.00	870.00
Arenas, 1200.00	1200.00
Stables, 1500.00	1337.48
Sidewalks, 2500.00	2453.15
Specials, 550.00	550.00
\$33,276.00	\$32,273.60
Special order for Discount of Village tax, 866.02	
	\$33,139.62
Village Water Works Dept. cost, \$2154.62	
If given credit for 91 Hydrants at \$30	2700.
Net Credit,	578.38

## More Calendars.

Griswold & Mackinnon have been distributing some attractive calendars suggestive of how the housekeeper can make good bread from the brands of flour they handle.

W. C. Lewis and A. B. Noyes, agents of the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance Company, distributed the past week some pretty calendars with a picture of home life that is exceedingly realistic.

Miss Caroline S. Woodruff, representing the Massachusetts Mutual Life of Springfield, has distributed some large calendars of this company printed in rich brown tints.

## Christmas Thoughts.

"A Merry Christmas" and in the words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one."

It may not be good sleighing, but it is certainly good slipping.

The merchants report a fair holiday trade, though in many instances not as large in volume as the season of 1906.

## Bradstreet's Weekly Vermont Trade Report.

Reports to Bradstreet's for the week show a brisk holiday trade has prevailed, weather conditions having been favorable and where there has been snow enough for sleighing, volume of trade shows up fairly well. Although not as large as that of a year ago it compares well with that of two years ago. Retail merchants are placing but few new orders and the tendency is to wait further developments. Ability to obtain currency has tended to create a better feeling but in rural districts it is noticeable farmers are not buying as freely as would be expected considering good prices they are receiving for nearly all lines of produce. Demand for farm produce continues active and as noted high prices are being received. Manufacturing industries closed plants at the end of the week of December 15, 1907 and they will remain closed for two weeks. This, beside giving a holiday for employees will give owners an opportunity to make long delayed repairs which in many cases were needed badly. There are some manufacturing interests that will give but the briefest possible holiday. Among granite manufacturers and quarry men there are conflicting statements regarding volume of business. Some of the quarries have a large amount of orders on hand and are rushing work as fast as possible, while the weather is favorable, while others report a smaller amount of business. Large percentage of the granite sheds closed last Saturday and will not resume work until after New Year.

In view of the demands of the stone cutters' union, the situation is more or less unsettled, but few orders are placed for other than immediate shipment. Definite action on demands of labor in this respect have not been announced, but sheds have considerable work on hand that will be completed before next March, date of expiration of present agreements with employees. Among lumbermen activity is noted in cutting, and choppers are in woods at work, but it is not expected that as much timber will be cut as last year. In this connection, reports from builders through the country at large show falling off in amount of business in this line for past month, as compared with month previous. Maple sugar dealers report but a small amount of last season's crop in storehouses. Prices prevailing still hold up well. Demand for sugar tools and apparatus has been very large, and with outlook that maple sugar products will continue to demand and receive high prices, it is anticipated that a number of the maple orchards which have not been tapped for some time will be utilized, thereby increasing product. In this connection Vermont sugar has commanded leading place among other sugar producing sections, although it is expected that Canadian farmers will work towards betterment of their methods in putting up sugar for market, and as that sugar is looked upon with favor, it will enter as a competitor with other sections more largely the coming year than formerly. Records of state failures for the week show three with two bankruptcies, one a large woolen mill in southern part of the state.

## Christmas Day and Sunday.

Christmas Day, one of the great festivals of the church, will be duly observed in St. Andrew's church with the following services: At 7.30 a. m. there will be a celebration of Holy Communion, with the following music:

Christians Awake! Salute the Happy Morn, Wainwright  
Gloria Tibi, Playel's Hymn  
Agnus Dei, "Here O My Lord, I see Thee Face to Face," Morecambe  
Gloria in Excelsis, Zesner  
Recessional, "Angels from the Realms of Glory," Stuart

This service is held for those who prefer this hour, or cannot attend the later one at 10 o'clock.

At the next service, 10 o'clock, the following music will be rendered:

Processional Hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful," Reading  
Venite and Gloria, Langdon  
Te Deum, Tours  
Jubilate, Soaper  
Introit Hymn, "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring," Turle  
Antiphon, "Behold, I bring you glad Tidings," Gill  
Gloria Tibi, Tours  
Sanctus, Stainer  
Agnus Dei, Gounod  
Gloria in Excelsis, Old Chant  
Recessional Hymn, "O little town of Bethlehem," Barnby  
Hugh Mackinnon, organist, John Moore, director.

The rector will take for the subject of his sermon, "A Christmas Obligation."

The service for the Sunday after Christmas will be Holy Communion at 7.30 a. m.; morning prayer with sermon at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school and Bible classes at 12 m.; musical vespers service, without sermon, at 5 p. m. The choir will be assisted at the musical service in the evening by the following well-known musicians: Miss Helen A. Boynton, violinist, who will render "Benedictus," by Mackenzie; Mrs. Charles T. Ranlet, Miss Marion L. Smythe, Mrs. Hubert W. Brooks; A. A. Blunt, selected, with violin obligato. Among other selections appropriate for the season the choir will render the following anthems:

"Calm on the listening ear of Night," Marston  
"Arise, Shine, for thy light is come," Elvey

## At Grace Methodist Church.

The subject of the lecture Sunday evening will be "The End of the Voyage."

## THE PLUM.

One of the Most Luscious Fruits When Properly Grown.

The following interesting communication in regard to growing the plum, especially in Massachusetts, is given in Country Gentleman:

Next to the peach the plum is the most important fruit grown anywhere in the temperate regions. In many localities it is even more important than the peach. This observation holds true in Massachusetts, for, while in some sections the peach is a valuable fruit and even an important commercial crop, there are other sections where it cannot be grown. Plums of some sort can be grown, however, in every town in the state.

This much wider adaptability of the plum is due to two causes. First, there are many different varieties, derived from very different species, some of which thrive on one soil and some on another, so that plums may be selected for every kind of tillable soil. Second, these different species vary a great deal as to hardness. While some of them are more tender than peaches, others are even harder than apples, so that they may be grown in cold districts and exposed situations. In spite of all its good points the plum is sadly neglected. In fact, it is a rarity to find an adequate supply of good plums on any farm in Massachusetts. There are a few trees on almost every farm, but the sad fact is that a majority of them are mere breeding places for black knot. Only a few ever bear fine, sound, clean fruit.

## As a Dessert Fruit.

Yet the plum is one of the most luscious fruits when properly grown and well ripened on the tree. For eating out of hand it is surpassed by the peach alone. As a dessert fruit it has no superior, while for canning it easily ranks next to the peach, and for jelly making it competes for first place with the red currant.

Unfortunately the general impression has grown up that the plum is a difficult fruit to grow. In a certain sense this is so. But when looked at fairly the plum is found to be as easily managed as any other crop. The difficulty is that men have considered it to be of secondary importance and therefore have not given the same careful attention to it that they have to what they consider more important crops.

## Not Difficult to Grow.

The plum is really no more difficult to grow than corn, tobacco or strawberries. There are a few principles which have to be understood and a few details which have to be carefully attended to, but these requirements have to be met with every other crop in order to make it a success.—F. A. Waugh, Massachusetts Agricultural College.

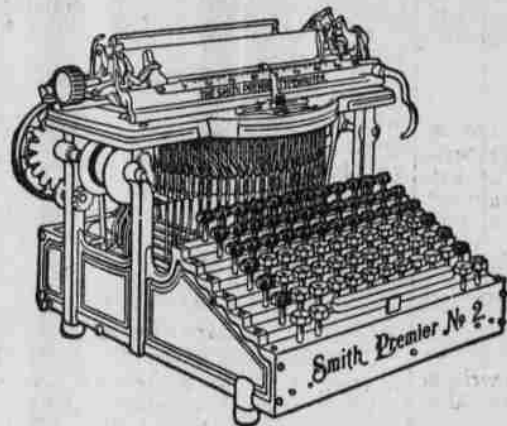
## Artificial Freckles.

The tobaccoist started guiltily. On a table before him lay a row of cigars, a row several yards long, which he was spraying carefully with a brush dipped in a clear liquid with an ammoniacal smell.

"But you are a connoisseur," he said blandly. "You know that the little brown specks on a cigar wrapper mean nothing; hence I don't mind telling you what I am about."

"The stuff I am spraying on these weeds is a patent acid that costs \$2 an ounce. I mix it with ammonia, and every drop of the mixture that I cast on a cigar wrapper makes a brown freckle—a brown freckle exactly like those natural ones that raindrops and the sun form on the growing tobacco leaves of Cuba."

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